

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2014

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in full support of Governor Rick Snyder's request on September 17, 2014 for a Presidential disaster declaration for the State of Michigan as a result of severe flash flooding that struck the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb in metropolitan Detroit. Nearly four million of our State's residents reside in these three counties.

Record one-day totals of rainfall – four to six inches in less than four hours in some locations – flooded Metro Detroit and caused millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses, vehicles, public buildings and infrastructure. Treacherous conditions, sedimentation and high water levels severely impacted highways and local roadways. In fact, water levels rose as high as 12 feet in some sections of our highways, which were closed for days while crews removed flooded cars, sediment and water. The flooding also slowed manufacturing, a vital part of Michigan's economy, and closed small businesses as a result of transportation disruptions and damage.

The Governor declared a state of emergency on August 13, 2014, allowing state resources to assist with the recovery. However, with severe damage of this magnitude, and as described in the Governor's request, effective recovery is beyond the capacity of state and local governments.

The State of Michigan reports estimates that total residential and commercial flood damage in the three-county area exceeded \$1.1 billion. In addition, across the three-county area, damage surveys indicated that less than 20 percent of flood-damaged homes were covered by flood insurance and sewer back-up insurance.

We urge you to make a federal disaster declaration and provide the requested assistance so that communities across Southeast Michigan can rebuild. Thank you for your consideration of our request.




Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator

Sincerely,



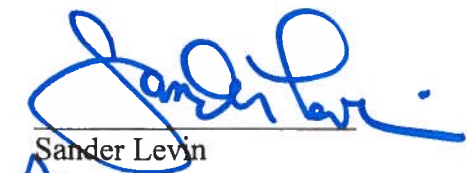
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